

# Aggies Lead Pack As Halfway Nears

With the first half of the Southwest Conference basketball slate almost completed, the Aggies are on the front row with a 5-0 league record and 10-5 for the season. Second round play starts after the Texas Tech encounter Tuesday.

Bennie Lenox, A&M's all-America prospect, tops all Aggie point-makers in SWC and season play with 107 and 305, respectively, for 21.4 and 20.3 averages. Next is John Beasley with 63 marks in league games and 174 for the season, making a 12.6 in the conference and 11.6 for the season.

Leading in field accuracy is Tim Timmerman, with 51 of 98 baskets for .520. Billy Atkinson is second with a .500.

Top free throw artists for the season, percentage-wise, are Cliff Hankins and Atkinson, each hitting seven out of eight shots for .875. Top Aggie free shooter in league games is Atkinson, with two for two, while Paul Timmons is second with 17 out of 20 for .850.

Timmerman is the team's top rebounder for conference play with 42, and Beasley leads in backboard control for the season with

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## THE BATTALION

# Cadets Host Hogs Saturday

By JIM BUTLER  
Battalion Sports Editor

"Speak softly and carry a big stick" isn't exactly the Aggie philosophy and cage coach Shelby Metcalf is glad it isn't.

The A&M student body is renowned throughout the Southwest Conference for the hard times it gives opponents in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Metcalf credits this loud harangue with much of the Aggies' home court success. "We have to win every home game to win the conference," Metcalf said. "And we need a full turnout of the student body to help us accomplish this."

SATURDAY NIGHT will provide the next opportunity for the students to turn out in force as the Aggies host the dangerous Arkansas Razorbacks. The Hogs are 3-2 in SWC play and represent formidable opposition for the Cadets who stand atop the league with a perfect 5-0 record. Arkansas holds victories over

Texas and TCU in Fayetteville while conquering Baylor in Waco. The Porkers hit on 75 per cent of their shots in the second half against Baylor. Their losses have been to Texas Tech in Lubbock and Rice in Fayetteville.

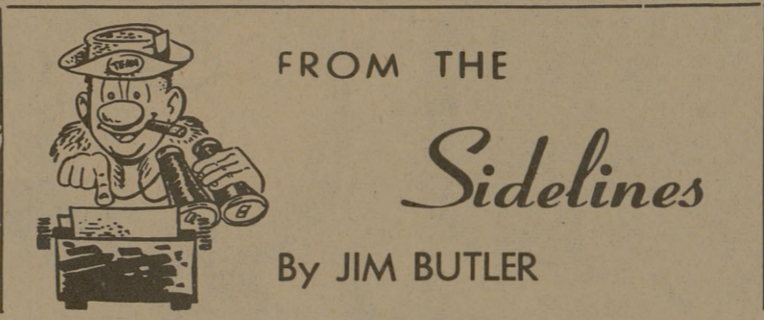
ARKANSAS SPORTS its usual accurate free throw shooting ranking annually among the best in the nation. Coach Glen Rose has added a potent outside attack. The Cadets have had trouble with long range artists this year, most recently with Herb Steinkamp, the fine Rice guard, and Houston's two outside men Chet Oliver and Jack Margenthaler.

So the Cadets will have to be their best to stifle Arkansas' offense men.

A&M WILL HAVE a big advantage with the Hogs' defense men being only 6-6 while the Aggies are sporting John Beasley at 6-8 and Tim Timmerman and Bill Robinette at 6-7.

The Cadets need wins over Arkansas and Texas Tech when they play in Lubbock Tuesday night in order to come through the first half of conference play without loss.

Tip-off time is 8 o'clock Saturday night.



## FROM THE Sidelines

By JIM BUTLER

The white slopes of Innsbruck, Austria, are fast becoming a bad memory for the United States Olympic team and for American sports fans keeping up with the Russian-dominated Winter Games.

This 1964 edition of the ski, skating, and toboggan international competition is a vivid illustration of Uncle Sam's inadequacy to hold his own in the world athletic picture. A reversal of this trend is nearly impossible under existing circumstances.

Part of the reason is obvious. The U. S. is out of its element. The gold medals are taken off by the Soviet Union, Austria, Germany and the Scandinavian countries, all of which live under winter conditions for a much longer period than Americans.

This discrepancy can be overcome with a little effort on the part of the U. S. Olympic Committee, effort directed at securing talent and qualified coaches to develop this talent. It is at this point the problem arises.

For nearly two years, the National Collegiate Athletic Union and the Amateur Athletic Union have been feuding over standards determining the status of amateurs.

The NCAA governs college sports while the AAU has control over all amateur athletes. The AAU claims that NCAA rules are too lenient, allowing college competitors to engage in activities that make them ineligible for competition under the auspices of the AAU. The NCAA claims that the stringent rules of the AAU make amateur standing undesirable thereby losing many top athletes.

Thus athletes are caught in the middle of this senseless turmoil and seldom know where they stand. This trivial squabbling causes many representatives to feel that their country isn't fully behind them and hardly gives them the needed incentive for a top flight performance.

Add to this the fact that U. S. Olympic teams depend on a large part of their financial support coming from donations which are pitifully small. Yet words like "disgraceful" and "humiliating" abound in press reports of the Winter Olympics when referring to the tremendous beating being absorbed by the Americans.

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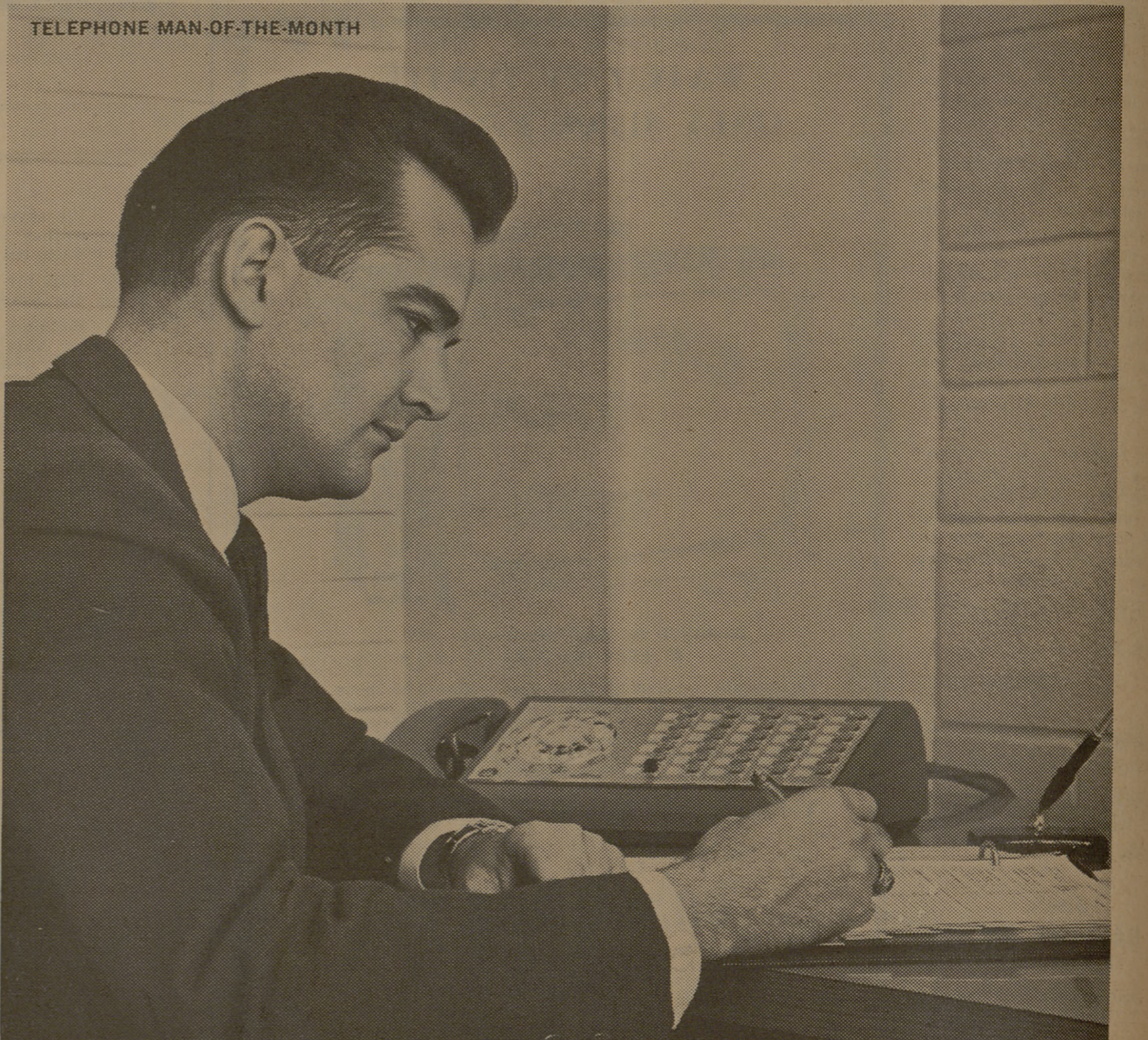
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